(b) if so, what is Government's response to these proposals; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this demand to link the largest tribal district of the country with the neighbouring districts was made about 20 years back and Government have not so far responded favourably to this genuine demand of the tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Re-appraisal survey for this line was taken up. Report for the first Phase i.e. for the section Dallirajhara-Rowghat has been received. The question of funding construction of this section has been taken up with the concerned agencies and the Planning Commission for approval.

(c) Construction of this railway line could not be considered earlier due to constraint of resources.

Degree Course in Sports

*158. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has recently approved proposal sent by five Universities and ten colleges for starting a Three-year Degree Course in Physical Education and Sports, from the ensuing academic year;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce this scheme in all the Universities and Colleges of the country; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The course has been designed with a view to providing facilities to students to select Physical Education, Health Education and Sports as a discipline for the first degree. Justification for introduction of such courses has to be related to the need for such manpower and probability of that demand among students and parents. The course is, therefore, not intended to be introduced in all Colleges.

National authority for adult education

*159. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether separate national authority for the adult education is proposed to be set up;

(b) if so, what are the contemplated constitution and functions of this authority; and

(c) what steps been taken so far, for setting up the authority?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) The Government have decided to launch National Literacy Mission with a view to providing functional literacy to 30 million persons in 15—35 age-group by 1990, and another 50 mllion by 1995. The management struture of the Mission at different level is under examination.

Modernisation of Airport by National Airport Authority

*160 SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Airport Authority has started modernisation scheme in various airports in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that automatic message switching system was installed in Bombay airport as a part of the modernisation scheme; and